



NIGC says Southwest Corporation unduly influenced tribes

US government says Southwest Casino Corporation purchased votes and paid the tribal gaming commission in violation of federal law

From the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes
Office of the Governor

On Nov. 8, 2007, in response to Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Gov. Darrell Flyingman’s allegations that Southwest Corporation, the tribes’ gaming management company, had engaged in extensive wrong-doing to get a new multi-million dollar contract from the tribes, the National Indian Gaming Commission (“NIGC”) wrote a letter concluding that Southwest Corporation “did cross the line into improper activity,” but that “no undue influence” existed.

On May 20, 2009, in a complete reversal of his earlier decision, NIGC Chairman Philip N. Hogen wrote:

“... and I hereby withdraw that letter [November 2007 letter]. I do so because my previous interpretation of undue influence, on which I based

my 2007 letter, was incorrect.” *** “That said, were the question of Southwest’s undue influence to come before me again, I believe I would come to a different conclusion than I did in November 2007.”

As part of its investigation, the NIGC found evidence that Southwest Corporation purchased votes and provided free trips and cash to tribal elders in an attempt to get a new contract. The NIGC also found evidence that Southwest Corporation improperly funded the tribes’ Gaming Commission.

Southwest Corporation Purchased Votes

In support of his decision, Hogen’s May 20 letter and attached memo concluded that,

“... Southwest did “unduly ... influence for its gain or advantage [a] decision or process of tribal

government relating to the gaming activity.”

The chairman’s correspondence continued:

“Applying this analysis, it becomes clear, based on the facts available in 2007, that Southwest attempted to or did unduly influence the tribes for its own gain or advantage. By purchasing votes for the extension of its management contract and by improperly funding the tribal gaming commission that was supposed to regulate it, Southwest violated 25 U.S.C §2711(e)(2) [Federal law prohibiting undue influence].”

Furthermore, the chairman’s correspondence states: “Understanding undue influence in this way, Southwest unduly influenced the tribal elections on its continuation as the tribes’ gaming manager.”

Southwest Corporation Improperly Gave Money and Gifts to Tribal Elders

Hogen’s correspondence also addresses Southwest Corporation’s improper decision to give gifts and money to tribal elders. It states: “Nonetheless, there is enough evidence for the chairman to conclude that Southwest unduly influenced the tribes governmental decisions and processes. In fact, there was enough evidence for the chairman to find undue influence at the time of the 2007 letter, before the GT [Grant Thornton, LLP] audit report. *** The [NIGC] Region V investigation found that in October 2006, Southwest took tribal elders on a trip to Cripple Creek, Colo., and Taos, N. M., to gamble and attend tribal ceremonies. The trip cost the elders nothing. Southwest paid for transportation, meals, and accommodations; gave each elder casino coupons, \$100 in cash, and a coffee cup imprinted with “C&A tribes on a visit

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Mark Harmon’s Bombers hit grand slam at OKC Indian clinic



Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Mark Harmon and Deborah Battiest (DJ) visit while participating in a group round dance at the OKC Indian Clinic on May 15, 2009.

its dedication to caring for families facing the crisis of having a child receive medical treatment away from home. The OKC Indian clinic was chosen because of their dedication to promoting and elevating the health status of Native American children and their families in Oklahoma.

“I’m really excited about all of this ... of all the charities they could have chosen they have chosen us,” Sunday-Allen, OKC Indian clinic chief executive officer (CEO), said. “We service over 15,000 Native Americans and we really need to expand or we become stagnant. We currently have over 200 children on our waiting list for services ... with the money from this fundraiser we can expand and start helping those children.”

The clinic is attempting to purchase land directly adjacent to their existing location to build a new pediatric and wellness center. The pediatric center will enable the clinic to service all the children on their waiting list. The wellness center will enable the clinic to provide care to

more adults. The wellness center will also be used to hold seminars and classes on preventive health care.

Harmon’s Stars and Strikes annual fundraiser is part of Oklahoma Kidz Charities Foundation. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting other non-profit organizations in Oklahoma. They choose organizations that strive to enrich the lives of children and their families.

Last year Harmon and his baseball team raised over \$2 million for the Children’s Center in Bethany, Okla.

Harmon along with movie producer Frank Marshall, hall of fame pitcher Rick Sutcliffe, sports agent Barry Axelrod and others visited the OKC Indian clinic to tour the clinic and participate in an afternoon of Native American traditions. One tradition was the grand entry that occurs at powwows.

The Native American Marine Corps Veterans Color Guard, with a parade of 30 volunteer dancers, emerged through

NCIS actor Mark Harmon strides through the doors of the Oklahoma City (OKC) Indian clinic with a warm smile on his face and handshakes for everyone. Following close behind are the Mark Harmon Bombers baseball team. They are in Oklahoma for two days of bowling, baseball and fundraising.

The OKC Indian clinic was chosen along with the Ronald McDonald House to benefit from the Oklahoma Kidz Charities Foundation-Stars & Strikes ninth annual Mark Harmon Celebrity Weekend held on Friday and Saturday, May 15-16, 2009.

Phone calls went out to Tamara Gilkey with the Ronald McDonald House and Robyn Sunday-Allen with the OKC Indian Clinic months ago, now they’re both hoping the visit by Harmon and friends will pay huge dividends for families for some time to come.

The Ronald McDonald House was chosen for

the doors of the clinic to the parking lot. The dancers demonstrated the fancy, traditional, jingle dress and fancy shawl dances. Harmon along with his Bomber’s team participated in an open round dance. At the close of the afternoon, Pendleton blankets were presented to each person in Harmon’s group.

A bowling fundraiser was also held on Friday, May 15 at the Edmond Bowling Alley in Edmond, Okla. The charity baseball game between Harmon’s Bombers and OSSO Outlaws was held on May 16 at the ATT Bricktown Ballpark with the Bombers winning over the Outlaws by a score of seven runs.

“We aren’t any different from anyone else, we have been blessed in our lives and all of us feel we need to give back some of those blessings to others that strive to help children and their families,” Harmon said.

To donate to the OKC Indian clinic, 4913 W. Reno Ave., contact Sunday-Allen at (405) 948-4900.

By Rosemary Stephens,
Reporter/Graphic Artist



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Abraham Pedro and Eddie Wilson read names on the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ veteran memorial wall.

Commemorating, honoring veterans

By Rosemary Stephens,
Reporter/Graphic Artist

Memorial Day, a day of remembering and honoring veterans who served in the United States military.

Placing of American flags

On Friday May 15, 2009 Marvin Wilson from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Office of Veteran’s Affairs (OVA) and Mock Tall Bear, veteran, placed American flags on the gravesites of veterans at the Indian cemeteries throughout the

tribes service area. They began at the Concho cemetery in Concho, Okla.

American Legion-Concho Post 401 meeting

State and district commanders, American Legion members and guests attend a meeting for Concho Post 401 on May 15, 2009 in Concho, Okla.

“In June we will be celebrating our third year anniversary and we appreciate you all stopping by to see us. We are trying

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Cheyenne, Arapaho students selected for all state Indian basketball teams

(FAIRFAX, Okla.) June 13, 2009 marks the 13th annual Oklahoma All-State Basketball Games. Since its initial conception in 1996, the Indian all-state games have played host to over 600 of Oklahoma’s most talented American Indian high school seniors.

The all-state games provide a way of recognizing Native American student athletes whose exceptional abilities may have otherwise gone unnoticed.

Each year over 100 nominations are received with only 24 boys and 24 girls chosen. The players are selected on the basis of their individual basketball, academic and extra curricular record as well as how they can compliment an all-state level team.

The games begin at 6 p.m. June 13, 2009 at Oklahoma Wesleyan University in Bartlesville, Okla.

Joscelyn Tapaha of Seiling, Okla., Todd Blackwolf of McCloud, Okla., and Casey Youngman of Cushing, Okla. made the first team.

Nineteen additional athletes were named to the second team this year. Second team selections do not play in the games, but are recognized in the games official program.

Making the second team are Chris James of Kingston, Okla. and Cody R. Youngbull of Hammon, Okla.

For more information about the games call (918) 642-3162 or e-mail paradox@valornet.com.

OETA features tribal programs

The Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA) is airing a program titled *The People* during its Stateline broadcast.

According to the OETA Web site, “Everything an Indian does is in a circle, and he believes the power of the world always works in circles. In the old days, Indian people’s power came from the sacred hoop of the nation, and so long as the hoop was unbroken the people flourished. Colonization and conquest broke the hoop.

Nearly every Indian tribe traditionally refers to itself as “The

People” or “The Humans.” This month, Stateline explores efforts in Oklahoma to preserve languages and culture--the identity of The People.”

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Buffalo Project and Diabetes Wellness program are featured in the series.

The dates and times for OETA’s *The People* program are at 8 p.m. on June 11 and 25, 2009.

For more information, visit www.oeta.onenet.net.

Culture, Heritage reels in third place

Submitted by Culture and Heritage program

Slightly cloudy skies and cool winds did not keep spectators and fisherman from enjoying the 42nd annual Canton Lake Walleye Rodeo in Canton, Okla.

Since the early 1960s the Canton community has been celebrating the Walleye fishing contest that began as a result of the Department of Wildlife choosing Canton Lake as a good location to start a new habitat for the Walleye Pike, an exotic northern fish.

The Department of Wildlife chose to name the event after the fish, Walleye, and rodeo because the fish schooling resembles a herd of cattle. When one Walleye strays from the school or “herd” another Walleye will round him up and return him to the herd.

To help celebrate this annual event the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Culture and Heritage program participated in the community parade on May 16, 2009.

Adorned atop a 30 foot goose neck trailer decorated with red, white and blue, and banners sat a 10 foot tipi representing the proud culture and traditions of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

Wearing traditional regalia, Cheyenne Chief Gordon Yellowman and Arapaho Chief Allen Sutton, along with staff from Feather Warrior Casino-Canton and familiar faces from the community, proudly waved to the crowd as they floated through downtown throwing promotional items to children who lined the streets.

Participants and tribal members met at the Native American community center after the parade for a light lunch and celebration of a third place victory in the parade.

There were over 41 entries in the parade, and approximately 609 fishermen were casting for the \$1000 and \$750 first and second place prizes sponsored by the Lucky Star Casinos in Concho and Clinton.

To learn more about the annual fishing derby visit www.walleyerodeo.com.



Courtesy photo

Oklahoma voters to decide English language debate

(OKLAHOMA CITY) - The Oklahoma House gave final passage to legislation that asks voters if they want English to be the state’s official language, ending weeks of dialogue over the divisive issue that opponents said is aimed at Hispanic immigrants.

Without debate, House members passed the Senate-passed measure 89-8. It now goes to a statewide ballot where voters will decide the issue in 2010.

A recent poll conducted by Sooner-Poll.com for the *Tulsa World* found that 86 percent of Oklahomans support making English the official language of state government.

Thirty other states have already adopted official English laws, as have more than 50 nations around the globe.

Meanwhile, U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe on Wednesday introduced the National Language Act of 2009, legislation similar to Oklahoma’s proposal that would make English the national language of the U.S.

government.

It says no one is entitled to receive federal documents and services in languages other than English unless required by law.

“By establishing that there is no entitlement to receive documents or services in languages other than English, we set the precedent that English is common to us all in the public forum of government,” said Inhofe, R-Okla.

The author of Oklahoma’s official English bill, Rep. Randy Terrill, R-Moore, said it recognizes English as Oklahoma’s common and unifying language and declares that all official actions of the state must be conducted in English.

It also bars individuals from suing the state to have services provided in languages other than English.

“As our common language, English and the ‘melting pot’ process it makes possible has made the United States the

most successful multiethnic nation in history,” said Terrill, author of the 2007 measure that targeted illegal immigrants, House Bill 1804.

“Our government should encourage immigrants to assimilate so they can pursue the American dream, and this legislation encourages that process,” said Rep. George Faught, R-Muskogee, co-author of the bill. “We need to encourage legal immigrants to join mainstream American society and not live in linguistic isolation.”

Under the legislation, private individuals and businesses will still be allowed to use whatever language they choose. Only official government business would be affected.

The bill also contains provisions to protect the “use, study, development, or encouragement” of any American Indian language, including the languages of Oklahoma’s 39 federally recognized tribes.

But tribal leaders have been among the measure’s most outspoken opponents as the bill and similar measures have been considered by Oklahoma lawmakers.

Chiefs of the five Civilized Tribes have gone on record opposing Terrill’s legislation. Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chad Smith called it “intolerant, close-minded and mean-spirited.”

Smith said he thinks Terrill’s bill is aimed at Hispanics, but “the biggest class of citizens who do not speak English as their first language are Indians, **Native Americans**.”

Several groups that support official English measures, including ProEnglish, English First and U.S. English, endorsed Terrill’s bill.

“When approved by voters in 2010 and added to the state constitution, this measure will be one of the very best official English laws in the nation,” U.S. English Chairman Mauro E. Mujica said.

Thank you

The Culture and Heritage program would like to thank the following people for volunteering during the Canton Walleye Rodeo parade.

Your assistance, donation of time and materials was invaluable and very much appreciated.

Justin Hayes, Gary Horse, Nicholas Martinez, Roger Gaytan, Carol Richey, Canton Native American Community Committee, and Canton Feather Warrior Casino Staff.

Larry EchoHawk Officially sworn in as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – Larry Echohawk, 60, was sworn into office May 22, 2009 as the Interior Department’s 11th Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

EchoHawk is an enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma whose nomination was confirmed by the United States Senate on May 19, 2009.

Secretary Ken Salazar conducted the official swearing in ceremony.

“I am very pleased to welcome Larry EchoHawk to the interior department,” Salazar said. “I will rely on his steady leadership as we move forward to protect tribal communities, advance Indian education, carry out our trust responsibilities, support sustainable tribal economies, and address Indian Country’s infrastructure needs under the Recovery Act.”

A public swearing-in ceremony at the department’s headquarters in Washington, D.C., will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

“I want to thank President Obama and Secretary Salazar for this opportunity to be a part of their efforts to bring positive change to Indian Country,” Echohawk said. “I also want to thank the Congress and tribal leaders for their confidence and support. To the Indian Affairs employees, I want to express my appreciation for their dedication to serving the American Indian and Alaska Native people. We will continue to honor the federal trust responsibility, to support tribal self-determination and to make a positive difference in the tribal communities we serve.”

EchoHawk comes to Interior from Brigham Young University in Utah, where he is a professor of law at BYU’s J. Reuben Clark Law School.

His law career of over 35 years includes experience in the areas of legal aid services, federal Indian law, private practice, and public service as a tribal attorney, county prosecutor and, following his election in 1990, attorney general for the state of Idaho.

In the 1980s, he served two consecutive terms in the Idaho House of Representatives.

EchoHawk also has served with organizations that focus of American Indian and youth issues.

He is a past member of the American Indian Services National Advisory Board and Board of Trustees, the Indian Alcoholism Counseling and Recovery Housing Program and the American Indian Community Resource Center Board, and was appointed by former President Bill Clinton to the federal Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

EchoHawk received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1970 from BYU, where he was an outstanding football athlete, and his Juris Doctor degree in 1973 from the University of Utah.

A former U.S. Marine, EchoHawk is the first American Indian in U.S. history to be elected as a state attorney general.

The Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs has responsibility for helping the Secretary of the Interior to fulfill his trust responsibilities to tribal and individual trust beneficiaries and promoting self-determination and self-governance for the nation’s 562 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes.

The Assistant Secretary oversees the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), which administers one of two federal school systems.

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to Cripple Creek,” and asked for their votes.”

In concluding that Southwest Corporation violated Federal law, Hogen’s correspondence states: “Providing the trips for tribal elders was, therefore, undue influence on a tribal governmental process and decision under 25 U.S.C §2711(e)(2) [Federal law prohibiting undue influence].”

Southwest Corporation and “Bounced” Checks

Hogen’s correspondence also documents Southwest Corporation’s improper handling of the Lucky Star Casino money as indicated in the NIGC Region V’s investigative report as follows:

“Specifically, the [NIGC] Region was concerned that Southwest: Violated the management agreement by making unauthorized deductions from the tribes’ monthly distributions. These deductions included allowing business committee members to withdraw gaming funds directly from the casino by cashing tribal checks, and holding those checks returned for insufficient funds. ***”

Southwest Corporation Improperly Paid Money to the Tribes’ Gaming Commission

In 2007, the tribes’ Gaming Commission operated under the control of a single Gaming Commissioner, Yvonne Wilson. At the time, Southwest Corporation paid money directly to the Gaming Commission including providing Yvonne Wilson with money to travel.

Hogen’s correspondence addresses these improper activities as follows:

“Further, Southwest, despite being warned by the governor not to do so, repeatedly provided operating funds to the gaming commission and other tribal agencies and to members who would be voting on Southwest’s continuing management.”

In addition, in recognition that Southwest Corporation paid nearly all of the tribes’ Gaming Commission operating expenses in 2005, Hogen’s correspondence notes:

“This created a situation where the [gaming] commission, then with only one commissioner, was placed in a position of regulating the entity that paid the commission’s expenses, and, perhaps the commissioner’s salary. This continued through 2006, despite a directive from Gov. (Darrell) Flyingman not to do so.”

In addressing both the improper payments to elders and others,

and the improper payments to the tribes’ Gaming Commission, Hogen’s correspondence states:

“Even in the record before the chairman at the time of the 2007 letter, Southwest funded the operation of the tribes’ gaming commission, 2007 letter at 5-6, and it was instrumental in various get-out-the-vote efforts, transporting tribal members to three special council meetings, and paying for elders’ trips to Cripple Creek, Colo., and Taos, N.M., 2007 letter at 3-5.”

Gov. Darrell Flyingman Vindicated

“It is now absolutely clear that Southwest Corporation improperly gave money to tribal members and officials in violation of federal gaming law. The federal government should now examine the conduct of Southwest Corporation officials who gave out money improperly,” Flyingman said. “Incredibly, despite NIGC’s conclusion that Southwest Corporation engaged in improper activity, some of the tribes’ current elected officials, including Legislators Ida Hoffman, Mike Martin and Robert Wilson, have voted to support Southwest Corporation’s request for a new contract, which would cost the tribes millions of dollars in gaming management fees!”



Photos by DanaAttocknie

The Patriots Warriors group rolls into Watonga, Okla. on two and three wheels before driving to Washington, D.C..

Arapaho tribal members. Helping to arrange the visit was Arapaho-1 District Legislator Richard Williams. Williams said he met the group earlier in the year while the tribes’ color guard was in Sacaton, Ariz. Also in attendance was Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Gov. Darrell Flyingman, who told the group to feel at home once everyone was inside the church. The Rev. Jim Kee-Rees also welcomed the group and said they just finished building the church and were looking for ways to welcome the community.

After the riders cooled off from the warm sun they listened to a handful of greetings, then each of them introduced themselves and told the audience where they were from. The bikers represented several states including Florida, Colorado, Arizona, Mississippi and Oklahoma. The Delsi’s started driving

to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. in 2003 and formed the Patriots Warriors in 2008. Robert Delsi is a Vietnam combat veteran, and Josie organizes the journey. Josie led the caravan into Watonga in shiny red support truck that’s decorated with patriotic stickers on the doors reminding people of the Prisoners of War and people Missing in Action. “(We) give them honor and tribute,” Josie Delsi said. Preparation for this year’s journey began in March and has taken the riders to places they’ve never been. Delsi said she makes their path by deliberating going to new places and by contacting families of the fallen so the group can visit and pray with them. She said if they can’t reach the family when they’re in town they, “just stop and pray for them. Pray for the son or daughter near by.” This year the group took their

Riding to remember

By Dana Attocknie,
Managing Editor

A single-file caravan of leather-clad bikers breeze into Watonga, Okla. on a mission. “We honor people for their service to their country,” Josie Delsi, said. Delsi and her husband Robert created the Patriots Warriors motorcycle group and drive to Washington D.C. each Memorial Day weekend to honor veterans and their families. This year the group steered their way into Cheyenne and Arapaho country and arrived at the Whirlwind Mission of the Holy Family church (Oakerhater Episcopal Center) on May 15, 2009. As soon as the riders climbed off their bikes they began to shed their helmets, gloves and sunglasses. Greeting them in the parking lot were members of the Watonga community and Cheyenne and

Yet, before the gang rolled out of Watonga, they shared a meal with everyone who came to wish them well on their journey.



Members of the Patriots Warriors visit on May 15, 2009.



Graduation gives students a head start

By
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The hum of giggling and nervous chatter fills the Southwest Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) ballroom. Students are sliding into their graduation gowns and proud parents are helping place their graduation caps on straight. Only these students are 5 years old. They are graduating from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Head Start program. The graduation took place on May 12, 2009 at the SWOSU campus in Weatherford, Okla. “I feel it is important to have a head start graduation ceremony because it is a family and community event. Part of our program is to empower our families and build stronger communities ... we are celebrating and taking pride in our tribal children,” Colette Berg, head start director, said. Opening the ceremony with a prayer was Eugene Blackbear followed by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Color Guard bringing in the flags as tribal singers per-



Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Head start students trying to be patient as they wait for their diplomas.

formed the flag, memorial and veteran’s song. As the color guard exited, one by one the precession of head start graduating children marched to the front of the ballroom to take their seats. “I believe the children feel a sense of pride and individual self-worth as they see not only their families celebrating their success, but also the pride of the community,” Berg said. “Not only do our graduates receive a diploma but all our children are recognized with certificates of completion.” Students from Canton, Clinton and Concho Head Start

were presented with diplomas and entertained the guests with a song. The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe’s Gov. Darrell Flyingman attended the event and welcomed everyone to the graduation ceremony. “I really thank our color guard, they serve the tribes and the community well,” Flyingman said. “Last Saturday I visited my 4 year old grandson in Albuquerque, N.M. to celebrate his birthday and I know how proud you parents and grandparents are right now.” Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College President Dr. Henrietta

Mann extended her welcome to the guests and congratulations to the students while reminding them that without children there would be no need for education. “I believe that head start prepares young children for success in school and life by providing high-quality comprehensive educational services in collaboration with families and community ... giving them a head start in their educational experience,” Berg said. For more information on how to enroll children in next year’s head start program call (405) 422-7647.

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to get all our veterans involved and Marvin (Wilson) has been doing a good job with the legion and our veterans,” Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Gov. Darrell Flyingman said. “To have six commanders out here is a real honor ... thank you for supporting our legion.” Currently, the Concho Post 401 has 45 charter members. They began almost three years ago with only 15 members. “The purpose of this meeting/tour is to see how you are doing and see if you have any questions because you are so new,” State Cmdr. Warren Wilson said. “The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes are only one of two Native American legion posts ... the other is the Osage tribe in Pawhuska, Okla., and it’s really good to see what you all have done here.” Visitors took a tour of the

veteran memorial wall in front of the tribal complex reading names as they walked by. Marvin Wilson, service officer, discussed the upcoming Stand Down to be held Nov. 9-10, 2009. He said they are trying to put more emphasis on the female veterans and the second day will be dedicated to the female veterans. “We are looking forward to our third year, though no one thought we would make it, but we are making it and it’s been great,” Wilson said. “Our Gov. (Darrell) Flyingman, has been on our side from the beginning and without him none of this would have been possible.” Division West Cmdr. Roy Clingenpeel said he honored the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes for doing so much for the veterans. “I appreciate all of you for what you guys do and Gov. (Darrell) Flyingman, for supporting the veterans like you

do ... it’s so good to witness, so just keep up the good work and we hope to see you at the state conference in July,” Clingenpeel said. For more information on the American Legion, veteran’s benefits and upcoming events contact Marvin Wilson at (405) 422-7682.

Visiting cemeteries

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Color Guard visited cemeteries in the tribal service areas on Memorial Day, May 25, 2009. At each cemetery the color guard shot off rounds of ammunition in tribute to veterans while Mock Tall Bear, veteran,

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Budget for American Indian museum grows

(OKLAHOMA CITY) - Even as most other state agencies likely will have to deal with budget cuts, an American Indian museum is preparing to receive more money under the proposed agreement between Gov. Brad Henry and legislators. Under the agreement, which is awaiting Henry’s signature, the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum will receive \$1 million for debt service on a \$25 million bond issue and \$1 million more to pay for operations. The museum, situated on the south shore of the Oklahoma River at Interstate 40 and Interstate 35, remains under construction, with no timeline set on when it will be finished. Gena Timberman, the executive director of the Native American Cultural and Education Authority - the state agency that is overseeing the center’s construction - said funding still is being sought to finish it. Lawmakers who worked with Henry on the budget called the center one of his priorities and some questioned whether extra money should be appropriated for it. “If the question about (funding) priorities comes up, I would

be correct in referring them to this million dollars?” asked Sen. Brian Crain, R-Tulsa, during a committee meeting last week. Henry said the money was necessary to make sure the state’s investment in the center is rewarded. “Tens of millions of dollars from private and public sectors have been invested in the construction of the cultural center,” he said. The \$150 million complex will include a 4,000-square-foot visitor center, a 125,000-square-foot museum, courtyards, an outdoor amphitheater and earthen mounds. Timberman said project officials have secured a little more than half the funding needed for the complex. One-third of that money is coming from private, tribal or other sources. She said the money from the \$25 million bond issue will be used for erecting steel on the gallery building. “We’re really grateful to the Legislature, the governor’s office, and the Speaker of the House and the Pro Tem of the Senate for working in a way to support a project that benefits all of Oklahoma,” Timberman said.



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(Top) The Cheyenne and Arapaho Color Guard at the Colony Indian cemetery on Memorial Day.

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The American Legion Concho Post 401. Standing l-r: Mock Tall Bear, Marvin Wilson, Amaris Sweezy, Bryan Sykes, Clifton Ellis, Alan Brunt, David Mitchell, Art Besa, Roy Clingenpeel, Irene Clingenpeel, Ed Wilson and Warren Wilson.

TRIBAL IDBITS.....



The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes CHR office held a special blood drive May 13, 2009 at the Concho Community Center to benefit the Wells' twins, Kylee Hope and Preslee Faith.

Left: Stevie Stewart-Hope holds up a t-shirt given out to people who donated blood.

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Right: Mike Vigueiro checks Mary Zumwalt's blood pressure before donating blood.

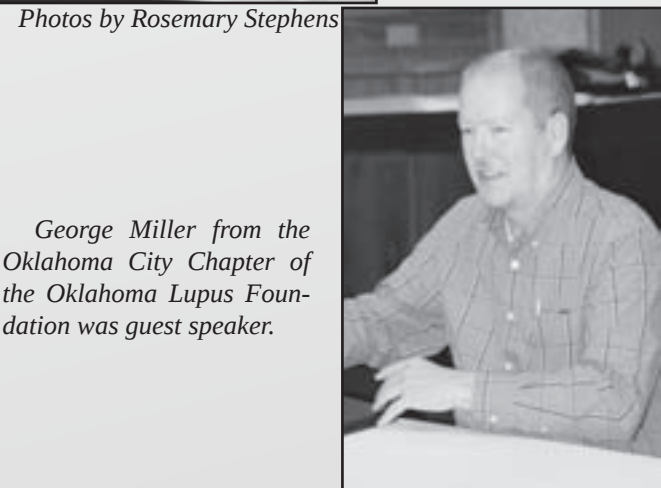


Christine Noah was one of the first people in line to donate blood to the twins.



Patricia Yarholar, health education director, led a class about the disease of Lupus on May 19, 2009 at the Concho Tribal Complex in Concho, Okla.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens



George Miller from the Oklahoma City Chapter of the Oklahoma Lupus Foundation was guest speaker.



Joyce Martinez (l) and Blas Preciado, Jr. (r) attend the class on Lupus to learn more about the disease.



Photos by Rosemary Stephens

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal office building 1 gets a new sign. The sign was created by Bakers Signs in El Reno, Okla. and was sponsored by the C-A tax commission office.

Above: Brett Baker, owner of Bakers Signs and Josh Scott hang the sign. Left: Brett Baker showing off his work.

Thompson selected as Student of the Year

Submitted article

Excited students and proud parents filled the room with smiles, warm conversation and laughter at the 2009 annual Redlands Community College (RCC) - Trio Upward Bound Banquet.

Trio Upward Bound is a college preparatory program designed to provide academic skills and motivation for students who are interested in pursuing an educational program beyond high school. Students generally enter the program in the ninth or tenth grades and remain through graduation from high school and entry into college.



Marcus Thompson (l) and his sister Marissa received Outstanding Participation plaques. Toni Maxwell, Upward Bound director, and Maria Valdes, education specialist, presented the awards.

Marissa Thompson, Geary High School sophomore, joined the federally funded trio program during her freshman year. At this year's banquet held on April 23, 2009 she was selected as the 2009 Student of the Year.

Toni Maxwell, Upward Bound director, and Maria Valdes, education specialist, presented Thompson with an award. Thompson was recognized for her hard work, dedication, perseverance, participation and commitment.

During the summer Upward Bound (UB) students traveled from various communities to RCC for six weeks and participated in a variety of academic, social and cultural activities.

They participated in supplemental instruction in math, laboratory science, composition, literature, foreign language, study skills, critical thinking and computer literacy. They stayed in contact with staff members and tutors through activities, counseling sessions, tutorials, and attended RCC campus two Saturdays each month for workshops.

Prior to Thompson being named student of the year, she and her twin brother, Marcus Thompson were playfully recognized as "partners in crime" both receiving Outstanding Participation plaques.



Courtesy photos

Marissa Thompson (l) is named 2009 Student of the Year at the Trio Upward Bound banquet.

The Thompson twins are the great grandchildren of the late Burdick and Rose "Old Camp" Addison, Yvonne "Thunderbull" Pemberton, the grand children of Carol Richey and the late Ural Richey, Sr., and the Rev. Eugene Randle. Virginia L. Richey is their very proud mother.

To learn more about the program that allows selected educational institutions or agencies to provide fundamental support to participants in preparation for college entrance, visit the RCC Web site at www.redlandsc.edu/?q=content/trio-upward-bound or by calling (405) 262-2552.

First American Indian Scholars class graduates from Oklahoma City University

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – The first group of students to earn college degrees through Oklahoma City University's American Indian Scholars program graduated Saturday May 9, 2009.

The university awarded diplomas to eight scholars at 11 a.m. in the Henry J. Freede Wellness and Activity Center. Devon Chairman and CEO J. Larry Nichols gave the commencement address.

During their four years at OCU, the inaugural AIS class has taken an active role in campus life and in their local community.

"Each of these students has contributed significantly to the campus community and provided a wonderful foundation for those students who follow them," Clinton Normore, OCU

director of multicultural student affairs and the American Indian Scholarship program, said. "They are a tribute to their families, their communities and the OCU family. They are a testament to ideals and the mission of Oklahoma City University and will return to their respective communities with a spirit of servant leadership."

Kimberly Begay, a graduating AIS scholar, said the program has made her a stronger leader. "It's given me a lot of opportunities to be a part of something," she said. "I liked being part of the program while it's new."

Begay, who is Navajo, earned Bachelor of Science degrees in mathematics and secondary education. She said the inaugural class of AIS scholars has been a tight-knit family and has en-

joyed serving as mentors to the younger AIS scholars. Begay knew she wanted to pursue a mathematics degree in college, but only decided recently to go into teaching.

"After I took a couple of education classes at OCU and saw the love my professors had for it, I was hooked," she said.

Begay has accepted a position to teach eighth grade math at Taft Middle School in Oklahoma City.

Sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, the AIS program gives up to 15 American Indian students the opportunity to study at OCU each year. For more information about the program, visit www.okcu.edu/students/multicultural/ais.aspx or call (405) 208-5750.

Following is a list of graduating AIS scholars with their

majors, hometowns and tribal affiliations: AIS scholar Leslie Ketcher graduated last year after finishing her nursing degree in three years. • Kimberly Begay – Navajo, B.S. mathematics and secondary education, Fort Thompson, S.D.; • Gabrielle Gomez – Kiowa, B.S. business administration with a minor in Spanish, Lawton; • Leila Newton – Choctaw, B.A. mass communications, Norman; • Kendall Old Crow – Cheyenne, B.S. nursing, Edmond; • William Redwine – Choctaw, B.S. business administration and MBA, Kingfisher; • Elizabeth Roberts – Choctaw, B.A. mass communications, Norman; • Jaime Thomas – Creek, B.S. chemistry, Sapulpa; and • Rachel Williams – Chickasaw, B.A. mass communications with a minor in theatre, Ardmore.

Clinical research trial in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

Submitted article

About lupus

Lupus is a chronic inflammatory disease that can impact virtually any organ system in the body including the skin, joints, blood, kidneys and brain. Lupus causes fever, joint pains, skin rashes, sensitivity to light, as well as many other symptoms. Severe lupus may cause kidney failure and other complications. Current treatments for lupus include drugs that suppress the immune system.

Clinical trial in SLE

A clinical research study is being conducted to evaluate the safety of an investigational drug in people with lupus, as well as to see how well it is tolerated. To be considered for the study, you must be at least 18 years old and have active SLE

despite receiving standard treatments for lupus, although certain medication may disqualify you for the study.

Approximately 80 to 90 individuals will be enrolled in the study. Participation in the study includes as many as 22 visits to a physician's office over a period of about seven months. Participants will receive study-related health exams, lab tests, and the investigational drug, at no cost.

Physicians in the United States are conducting the study for MedImmune. MedImmune is paying the physicians' services and the other costs of the study. To learn more about the study visit www.clinicaltrials.gov or contact Kyndal Haney, Clinical Pharmacology Research Program, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, 825 NE 13th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73104, (405) 271-7805.

Notice

Memorial Day flowers will be disposed of. Any flowers/wreaths left on graves after June 15, 2009 will be picked up and disposed of as the tribal cemeteries are being mowed.

If you wish to keep your flower arrangements, please remove them from the grave before June 15, 2009.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The Tribal Burial Program

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Ages 13 - 17

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For Native Youth

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June 2nd 2009

El Reno-Wal-Mart parking lot 8:00am

Elk City-Homeland parking lot 8:00am

Watonga-I.H.S. parking lot 8:00am

Thomas-Perry Express parking lot 8:30am

June 4th 2009

Will drop kids back off at the above designated sites

El Reno-1:00pm Elk City-1:00pm

Watonga-1:00pm Thomas-12:30pm

Please arrive at pick up sites 5-10 minutes prior to departure/arrival times.

All applications must be completed signed & returned

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Limited to first 50 completed applications!

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Diabetes Wellness Program

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Fax: (405) 262-3423

Education, job fairs provide direct assistance

Submitted article

At this time of economic uncertainty, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Department of Education decided to provide direct assistance to tribal members.

We have held two ‘Education Fairs/Job Fairs’ for tribal members, one in El Reno and one in Clinton, Okla.

Several tribal programs have worked co-operatively, including the tribal college, to provide education related information and job seeking assistance for people wanting to further their education or for people who were job seeking.

The first fair was held on May 14, 2009 at the El Reno education offices.

Some programs and companies in attendance were: Adult Education, EOTS, WIA, tribal college, BIA-HIE office, GAM-HIE office, CATI staff; personnel office, Election Commission, tribal enrollment, Diamondback Correctional Facility, National Guard staff, Sugar Creek Casino, and the University of Oklahoma.

Services provided were FAFSA/PELL application assistance; college preparation; Haskell and SIPI applications; Education Gaming-Higher Ed information; SWOSU and tribal college applications; American Indian Graduate Center scholarship information and on-line services; resume preparation; interviewee techniques; adult basic skills assessment; math or writing tutorial skills enhancement; budget planning; GED preparation; employment opportunities and training; mock job interviews; career development; Oklahoma drivers license reinstatement program; Lucky Star employment opportunities; Sugar Creek Casino employment opportunities; tribal job applications and vacancy announcements; BIA on-line information for vacancy announcements and job applications; Diamondback Correctional Facility on-line application; hands-on skills training and classroom training; vocational-technical training; tribal veterans office; and National Guard representative.

The tribal enrollment office was on hand and I.D. cards were issued for participants.

The tribal Election Commission provided a list of enrolled tribal voters and districts and participants were asked to review the lists to make sure their address was correct. They also enrolled new tribal voters.

A light breakfast was provided. A noon meal presentation was made at the El Reno fair by Edgar Heap-of-Birds, University of Oklahoma professor.

He spoke on his education, artworks and about his “Wheel” artwork sculpture he created for the Denver Art Museum display. He provided words of encouragement to participants. Many thanks to Edgar.

The second Education Fair/Job Fair was held at The Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla. on May 21, 2009.

Many of the same services were provided. Thanks to the participants who attended, to staff and programs who attended and provided information, to those who assisted with preparation of the event, with registration, and with preparation of meal.

One more Education Fair/Job Fair was held on May 28, 2009 in Seiling, Okla.



Courtesy photo

Janice Boswell helps applicants at the Clinton education/job fair on May 21, 2009.

Elder’s Day Out in May

Submitted article

Cool temperatures and a little chilly wind had no effect on the elders who attended the Elders Day Out on May 13, 2009 at the Oklahoma City Zoo.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T program had another successful activity for their monthly Elders Day Out. The attendance was nearly 50 and the smiles were continuous as the day was full of amazement at the exhibits and exotic animals from around the globe.

Participants were given show tokens for a special sea lion show at the aquaticus aquarium. After the morning feature, the program sponsored a picnic by the lake for everyone who attended the trip.

All elders are encouraged and invited to the following Elder’s Day Out activities. For more information, call (405) 262-0345 ext. 27570.



Courtesy photo

Elders posing before the Sea Lion Show.

veterans

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played taps on the bugle.

Saluting veterans

Rays from the sun warmed the guests on the outside, while remembering and honoring veterans warmed them on the inside.

Gathering to honor veterans on May 26, 2009, a memorial dedication was held at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’

veteran’s memorial wall in Concho, Okla.

The Concho Post 401 American Legion’s Chaplain Robert Simpson, opened the dedication in prayer, followed by a welcome from the tribes’ Gov. Darrell Flyingman.

“I want to thank everyone for coming out this morning to honor our veterans ... our color guard has honored our veterans this past weekend and it was an

See veterans, page 7

Mansfield named assist. chief of police

Submitted article



Mareila Mansfield, Cheyenne, Arapaho and Choctaw, was offered the position of assistant chief of police on May 10, 2009 for the city of Hobart, Okla.

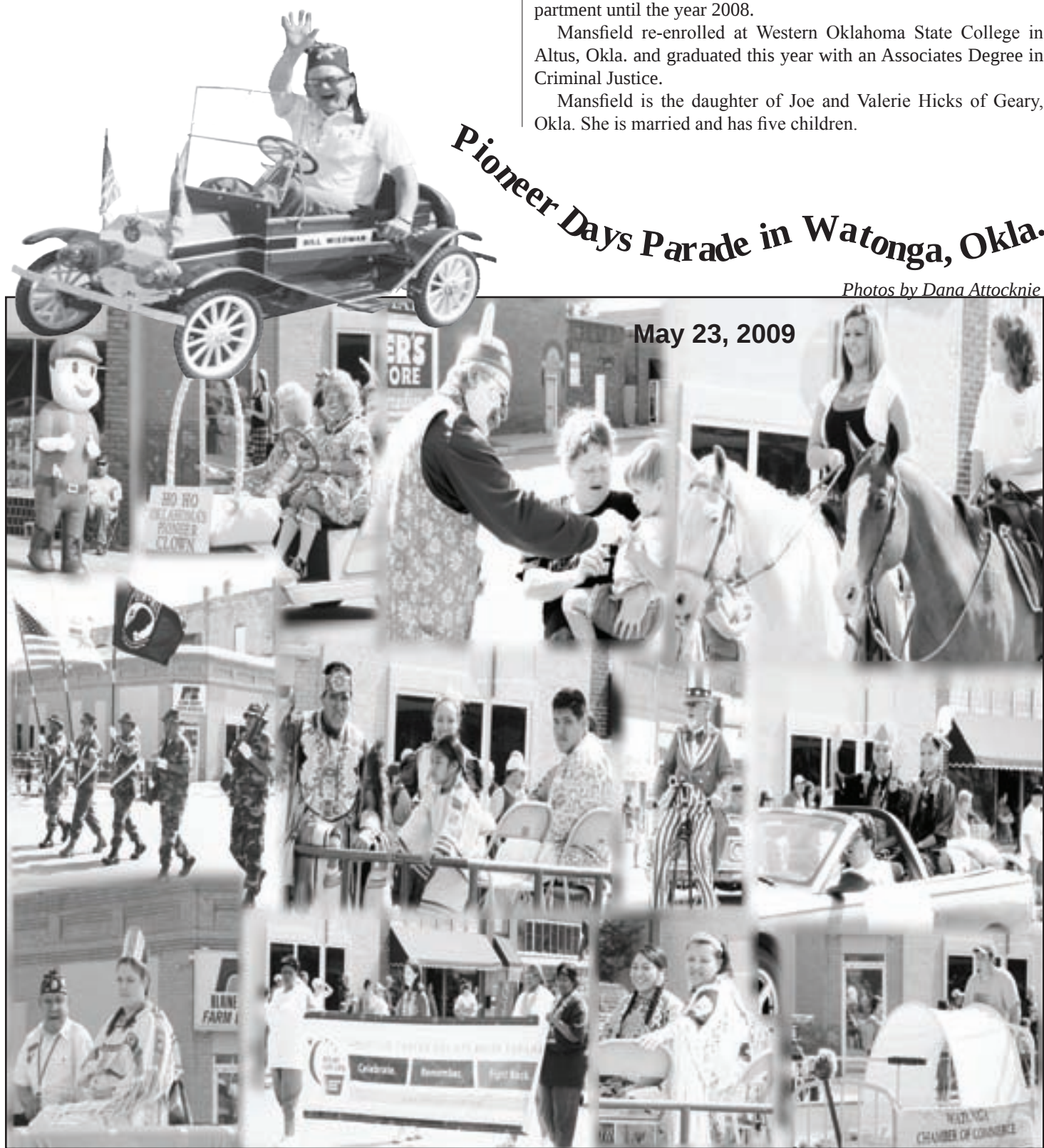
Mansfield is a 1993 graduate of Geary High School and attended Redlands Community College (RCC) studying criminal justice. Her career in law enforcement began in 1999.

In 2004 Mansfield became a certified police officer while employed with the Canton Police Department in Canton, Okla.

Following her employment with the Canton Police Department, Mansfield went to work for the Comanche Nation Tribal Police Department until the year 2008.

Mansfield re-enrolled at Western Oklahoma State College in Altus, Okla. and graduated this year with an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice.

Mansfield is the daughter of Joe and Valerie Hicks of Geary, Okla. She is married and has five children.



Photos by Dana Attocknie

Youth Technology Instruction

Offered to tribal youth, ages 10-14 at the CATI Training Center located in Canadian Square Center in El Reno

Quinton Roman Nose

Weekly Speaker

3 - 4 p.m.

Every Thursday in June

DLL Classroom

Limited to 12 students

Billy Williamson

Introduction to Media Production

June 23, 2009

2 - 4 p.m.

June 24, 2009

1 - 5 p.m.

Marshall Medicine Bear

Global Communication and Browsing Techniques

Every Wednesday afternoon in June

Limited to 10 students

Clara Baker

Stop Motion Animation

1 - 2 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursdays

June 2 - 24, 2009

Clara Baker

Creating a Web Page

2 - 3 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursdays

June 2 - 24, 2009

Joyce Twins

Language & Culture Using Computer Technology

Cheyenne and Arapaho Language Skills

Clinton Housing Authority

Every Wednesdays 10 a.m. - noon

El Reno Department of Education

Every Tuesday 1 - 3 p.m.

June 2 - 30, 2009

Other times available, call Joyce Twins at (405) 422-7640.

To register call Clara at (405) 262-1906 or email cbaker@c-a-tribes.org. See www.cheyenne-arapaho.org/youthtechnology for computer usage and registration form.

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Ride into summer

Submitted by the
Diabetes Fitness staff

With summer quickly approaching here are a few at home abdominal exercises that everyone could do in the comfort of your own home.

Always remember to warm up and stretch before you start your exercise and always end with a cool down.

For first timers please see your physician to make sure you are OK to exercise on a regular basis.

Bicycle Exercise

The bicycle exercise is the best move to target the rectus abdominis (i.e., the ‘six pack’) and the obliques (the waist).

Lie face up on the floor and lace your fingers behind your head.

Bring the knees in towards the chest and

lift the shoulder blades off the ground without pulling on the neck.

Straighten the left leg out while simultaneously turning the upper body to the right, bringing the left elbow towards the right knee.

Switch sides, bringing the right elbow towards the left knee.

Continue alternating sides in a ‘pedaling’ motion for 12-16 reps.

Vertical Leg Crunch

This move will work the rectus abdominis and the obliques.

Lie face up on the floor and extend the legs straight up with knees crossed.

Contract the abs to lift the shoulder blades off the floor, as though reaching your chest towards your feet.

Keep the legs in a fixed position and imagine bringing your belly button towards

your spine at the top of the movement. Lower and repeat for 12-16 reps

Long Arm Crunch

This move will work the upper part of the abs.

Lie on a mat and extend the arms straight out behind the head with hands clasped, keeping the arms next to the ears.

Contract the abs and lift the shoulder blades off the floor.

Keep the arms straight and avoid straining the neck. If you feel neck pain, take one hand behind the head while keeping the other arm extended.

Lower and repeat for 12-16 reps.

Please refer to the information at the following Web site: www.exercise.about.com for more helpful tips to help you get that swimsuit body you always wanted.

Wyoming Indian tribe selling beef to Whole Foods

(LAKEWOOD, Colo.) - The Northern Arapaho Tribe has agreed to sell beef raised on its 595,000 certified organic acres in Wyoming to Whole Foods Market Inc., its first major retail customer.

Panorama Meats Inc. is partnering with the tribe to offer Angus beef from the tribe’s Arapaho Ranch on the Wind River Reservation to Whole Foods stores in Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas and Utah.

The agreement offers the tribe \$1,400 per head for grass-fed cattle that haven’t been in feedlots, or roughly a 25 percent premium to conventional beef, Panorama CEO Mack Graves said Thursday.

Northern Arapaho Business Council Chairman Harvey Spoonhunter said the tribe is looking to supply around 2,500 head a year.

“It really means a lot, especially in a time of economic downturn,” Spoonhunter said. Thirty to 40 people work on the ranch in the summer, and about 20 work there in the winter, he said. Most are tribal members.

The tribe previously sold meat in conventional markets at auction and to smaller, local markets, but Business Council members said working with

Panorama and Whole Foods offers longer-term stability and better prices.

The deal means Austin, Texas-based Whole Foods gets cattle from a ranch within a seven-hour drive, which it considers to be local.

The ranch protects other wildlife including bears and coyotes that roam the same land as the cattle. “As an Arapaho, those animals were here before our cows were,” council member Ron Oldman said. “Part of our heritage is to be nurturers of the land.”

Most work is done on horseback rather than ATVs or other vehicles to avoid stressing the cattle.

“Anything living we treat them like a brother,” council member Norman Willow said. “That will pass on to the people who eat it.”

Oldman said the tribe has been affected by the slumping economy like anyone else but has been helped by the ranch and casinos, two of which have restaurants that serve beef from the Arapaho Ranch.

The tribe has had the ranch since 1940 and was certified organic last year, a move the Business Council made to fetch higher beef prices, council member Darrell O’Neal said.

Child nutrition, summer food service program

Submitted article

The Darlington School is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge.

Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Meals will be provided at the sites and times as follows: Darlington School, 4408 N. Hwy 81, El Reno, OK 73036.

Meal times: From June 1, 2009 to June 26, 2009.

Breakfast: From 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

CHR's 3rd Annual Summer Safety Fair
June 10, 2009
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Watonga Multipurpose Center

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K-12th grade

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For information call the CHR office
(405) 422-7670 or (800) 687-0973

Attention: All school administrators with Indian students

Submitted article

The Save The Child / Save The Teenager Summer 2009 training programs will be starting soon.

Some of the sessions are in jeopardy of cancellation until more registrations are received.

On-Site Training

The dates we have allocated for on-site training are starting to fill up, so if your school is interested in having any parent or staff training this summer, time

is running out.

If you are planning for the fall, consider our two day on-site training for all staff – teachers, aides, bus drivers, etc.

This is a skills-building session to stop, then prevent discipline problems, dramatically improve your students’ vocabulary and reading skills, and to improve attendance without truancy staff.

Registration forms can be sent via fax to (303) 432-8574 or e-mail lisa@stcstt.com.

Tangy Teriyaki Chicken



- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tsp. fresh grated garlic
- Pinch Black Pepper
- 2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast

Cooking with commods

1. Put all ingredients except chicken in a bowl and whisk until sauce is smooth.
2. Cut chicken into pieces
3. Place chicken in lightly greased pan so that the chicken pieces are touching.
4. Pour teriyaki sauce over the chicken and bake at 350 degrees for 65 minutes.

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BRIEFS

American Indian / Alaska Native and HIV Conference
June 4-5, 2009 in San Antonio, Texas. For more information visit www.valleyaids.org.

The 13th annual Native Vision Sports and Life Skills Conference/Camp for Youth
June 11-13, 2009 at the White Mountain Apache Reservation in Whiteriver, Ariz. For more information contact Marlena Hammen (410) 955-693 or email mhammen@jhsp.edu.

Northern Arizona University's College of Education

-American Indian Teacher Education Conference
June 12-13, 2008 in Flagstaff, Ariz. For more information visit jan.ucc.nau.edu/~jar/AIE/conf.html or contact Dr. Joseph Martin at Joseph.Martin@nau.edu (928) 523-5933) or Dr. Jon Reyhner at Jon.Reyhner@nau.edu (928) 523-0580.

The fourth annual Veterans Wacipi
June 12-13, 2009 at the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls, S.D.
People will be fed both days of Wacipi, many specials. Take

a picture of a veteran so he or she may be recognized during Wacipi free camping.
For more information call (605) 334-4060 or (605) 271-4184 after 6 p.m. or email francisq2001@yahoo.com.

The IHS 2009 Nurse Leaders in Native American Care Conference
June 15-19, 2009 at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information, contact Lisa Palucci at (602) 364-7740 or email lisa.palucci@ihs.gov.

Basic Budgeting for the Tribal Organization
June 22 - 23, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, N.M. To register or for more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Money, Banking and Investing for Tribal Leaders and Enterprise Board Members
June 25 - 26, 2009 at the Platinum Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. To register go to www.falmouthinsitute.com. For hotel accommodations call (877) 211-9211.

Native American Summer Conference
June 26-28, 2009 at the Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center, N.C. Celebration of Native Americans. Explore issues from a historical and cultural perspective. For more information call (888) 825-6316 or visit www.lakejunaluska.com.

National Geographic Student Expeditions
June 28 - July 7, 2009 Students completing ninth through 12th grades work in teams to create their “On Assignment”

project through workshops and excursions with National Geographic experts and trip leaders.
Write an article on a local personality, create a documentary film, or delve deeper into the marine ecology in the Atlantic seaboard. For more information visit www.ngstudentexpeditions.com.

The 20th annual Native American Women's Conference
July 8-10, 2009 in Sacramento, Calif. To register or for more information visit www.eventbrite.com.

CULTURAL CORNER

By Abraham Pedro

The origin of the red, blue blanket

At one time around the latter part of the 1700s, the people that we now regard as the Northern Utes were known for having extensive herds of good, stout quarter horses. The Utes were our ancestral enemies at one time, though today we are friends through intermarriage and through things that we have shared with one another over the years.

The Northern Ute’s lived out towards Utah in the winding lush river valleys surrounded by gorges, cliffs and canyons in the foothills. From Arapaho country, this is out past northwest, over the almost impassable mountaintops of modern day Denver, Colo. A scouting party of Arapahos had decided together to go out that spring to go on a horse thieving party and the young scouts took off riding hard on their horses for two or three days until they reached the Northern Ute country. Right before they got into Ute country, they paused for a few days in one of the low-lying river valleys as they took stock of what they were going to do. This was a party of young men, all in their teenage years and early twenties. Some of them were older brothers of the Starhawk society, and most were still in the Kit Fox society.

That very early morning before they had planned the theft of the Ute horse herd later that night, a few scouts went out and watched to see the movement of where the Ute people were and also where they had the horses penned up in the center of the river valley, just a quarter mile off from where the main Ute encampment was. Given the terrain of the landscape, with narrow cliffs leading out of the valleys, they had planned to run them straight through and as the Utes were giving chase, to have several of the young Arapaho scouts surprise attack them from the cliff faces and to deter most of the Utes to give chase to the surprise attackers.

One of the older men that were leading the Arapaho party was very proud that day, as his younger brother was along on this war party. He went by the name of Whitehorse for some of his previous accomplishments on the warpath. It was his younger brother’s first time raiding like this, and he swelled with a strong sense of love and respect for his little brother. He asked around to his fellow society members if they had any broadcloth to fix him a proper blanket, as he wanted to make his brother to look presentable before they raided tomorrow. One of his clan brothers had just one side of some dark blue broadcloth, which he was saving for a blanket when he got one more side. However, generosity is one of our main values, and he agreed to share it

for the purpose. Another one of his brothers had a side of red broadcloth, which he was saving for use whenever he needed that red color to cover his braids, but for the purpose he gave it to him.

Wohei! With those two pieces of broadcloth, he sewed it together. When his brother came back that morning from scouting out the Ute herds, just as the sun was beginning to rise, he presented his little brother. He braided his hair, and wrapped his braids in otter skins. He put two of his best black and white golden eagle center tail feathers he had saved for this purpose onto the top of his roach, being his older brother and also being a seasoned veteran who had won many honors, he had the right to honor his little brother with them. And he wrapped him up in the blanket, the red and blue blanket. Finally, he presented him with his own best horse, a solid white palomino horse stallion he had taken from a Comanche that past fall, and gave him his best gun. At this time in the late 1700s, it was a rare and hard thing to gain a revolver and Whitehorse had to travel far down to the Spanish settlement of Santa Fe, N.M. in order to trade several beaver pelts for this gun.

Right at nightfall that evening, the young boy who was in charge of watching the herds found himself unconscious. The Utes only heard horse beats as the Arapaho horse thieves rode off with their herd. When they came out of their lodges all they saw was dust in the distance and they hurriedly gave chase. As they reached the narrow cliffs, on schedule, the Arapaho scouts popped up from all sides of the cliffs and took out several Ute warriors. In surprise, the Utes gave chase to these scouts, and one of them wore a red and blue blanket on a white palomino. As they chased him and since in these times Indian men rode bareback and often didn’t use reins, (they rode with the horse) he hung side saddle as they shot at him and around each bend and curve of the embankment he would fire back volley after volley of arrows and fire his rifle at them. He rode the stallion hard and went straight up the embankment, as the main party of Utes chased him on into the night. Where he was running there appeared a sudden steep drop off with the other side of the cliff 20 feet away. Spurring his horse he ran for it and jumped that stallion. He landed cleanly on the other side. One other pursuing Ute tried to jump, fell, and missed. The rest of the Ute war party stopped as that Arapaho scout made a war cry and taunted them shaking his fistful of arrows and his rifle at them. He turned around to meet the

rest of his party at the decided meeting point on their way home.

It was a good raid. Nobody was killed and only a couple were wounded with surface arrow wounds. These Ute arrows were pulled out and kept as trophies. The valley that they had run the herds into was far into Arapaho country and they met a huge herd of elk in the middle. They had run all that night and two more days to reach this point, and here they were safe. With that, the war party settled down and started a campfire. The first fire they had in many nights since entering enemy territory, as they started to roast some freshly butchered elk ribs on the open coal. There was much merriment and celebration for many of these younger warriors it was their first real raid and meant for them certain war honors and possible entrance into the larger men’s warrior societies.

At this time, Whitehorse, seeing his younger brother had done something for the war party that had gave him great honor, he stopped and honored him in our ways. Looking around at the valley, with the huge herd of elk that they had seen, seeing him wearing that red and blue blanket, he called everyone around. With this, he gave him a new name. He would now be known to the Arapaho tribe as Many-Elks.

They rested for a day or two in this valley, and returned home through the northern passage across southern Wyoming to their homelands in east central Colorado. When they returned home, they celebrated some more, and for three days they held a war dance, a Starhawk’s society dance for the young war party. For three days and nights that palomino stallion had that red and blue blanket around his back.

This is the story of the origin of the first red and blue blanket, which many people see today amongst many tribes. Whenever people gourd-dance the gourd dancers wear these types of regalia. Whenever our people partake in the peyote ceremony, our men, our warriors wear these red and blue blankets.

This man grew up to gain many honors in his life. His grandson became known as Tall Bear, and was one of the chiefs who signed the Medicine Lodge Treaty. Their family later lived around Canton so did some of the descendants of this man; this is part of their story.

Next issue: I will return back to the history of Initial contemporary history: Arapaho Relocation. This story is also in the digital files of the Doris Duke Collection.



CALENDAR of Events

The 23rd annual Red Earth festival
June 5-7, 2009 at the Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City.

Crimson Creek Golf Course Tournament
June 6, 2009 in El Reno, Okla. Registration/lunch at 11:30 a.m. Tee off at 1 p.m. Four person scramble. Mulligans available. For more information call Jerry Levi (405) 262-6118 or (405) 615-4933

Oldies Dance
7 p.m.- Midnight, June 6, 2009 at the Community Center in Concho, Okla. Featuring 60s costume contest, prizes and lots of dancing. For more information contact Mary Zumwalt (405) 921-5103.

Kids All American Fishing Derby
From 7:30 a.m. - noon June 6, 2009 at Arcadia Lake. Free entry, kids 5-15 years. For more information call (405) 216-7471.

Cooking With Diane Clayton, MS, RD/LD
Begins at 6 p.m. June 9, 2009 at the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic Lobby. For more information call (405) 948-4900 ext. 212.

Oakerhater Center Art Camp
June 9-12, 2009. For children in ninth-12th grade. Explore Native American art with artists from around the state. For more information contact Jim Kee-Rees for information and registration at (405) 974-0024.

CHR’s Third annual Summer Safety Fair
From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 10, 2009 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Center. Summer safety tips, bike give-away, door prizes, moonwalk, face painting and more. For information call (405) 422-7670 or (800) 687-0973.

Battle on the Plainz Dance Competitions-Ha’Stylez
From 2 p.m. - midnight June 13, 2009 at the Community Center in Concho, Okla. For more information call (405) 262-1268.

Tinker Inter-Tribal Council Powwow-Honoring our Veterans
June 13, 2009 at the Joe B. Barnes Regional Park in Midwest City, Okla. Open invitation to all veteran organizations, princesses and drums. For more information contact Jim Ross (405) 760-2768. For vendor information contact Marsha Lena (405) 733-3587.

Gourd dance
June 20, 2009 at Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI). Begins at 1 p.m. with supper at 5 p.m. and continued gourd dancing at 7 p.m. Sponsored by New Mexico Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members. For more information, call (505) 979-2130 or (505) 465-0927.

The third Akeen family Father’s Day dance
June 21, 2009 at the Concho powwow grounds. Gourd dance starts at 2 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. and grand entry at 7 p.m. For more information call Dale Akeen (405) 262-0926.

Joscelyn Tapaha graduation dance
June 27, 2009 at the Fonda Community Hall. Meal served from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. with dance to follow.

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veterans

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emotional experience for me to see all the families at the cemeteries to recognize their loved ones,” Flyingman said.

He said a lot of veterans have given a part of their spirit and their soul for people to have freedom and everyone needs to remember them.

Special guest from Wisconsin,

Doty Lumpmouth, was the first speaker. Each speaker represented an era of military service. Lumpmouth represented World War II (WWII).

“To all my people who are present today, it is an honor to be here and I want to thank all of you for coming out ... I am only one of five WWII veterans left within the tribes and I have made a commitment to come down every year to visit my loved ones who have gone

on and relatives still living,” Lumpmouth said.

Moses Starr represented the Korean War era, Robert Simpson represented the Vietnam war era, and Marvin Thunder-Bull represented the Iraqi war era. Gwen Lime, the last speaker, represented the Kuwait war era.

“I loved the military, I was in the army for four years and would tell anyone I know that it is an experience they should

have ... I traveled to places like Germany, Poland, Czech Republic and experienced cultures I never would have seen,” Lime said. “I was involved with Operation Freedom in Kuwait ... (she pauses) but I don’t like to talk about what happened over there, I don’t even talk to my own family about it. I had a job to do, I did my job and that was it. I didn’t do anything special

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Oklahoma Indian Nation powwow - 2009 Royalty

Submitted article

Little Miss Oklahoma Indian Nation powwow princess:

Brandy Lynn Fasthorse is 6 years old and is of the Cheyenne, Cherokee and Sioux tribes. Her parents are Margaret Tallbear and Thomas Fasthorse. Maternal grandparents are Deforest “Mock” Tallbear, Debbie White; paternal grandparent is the late Lolita Coffee. Great grandparents are Minnie Blindwoman, the late Floyd and Rose Greany Tallbear, the late George and Margaret Weavel White. Fasthorse



Brandy Lynn Fasthorse

Kayla Marcell Reynolds is 11 yrs old and attends Washington Elementary school in Clinton. Reynolds is in the sixth grade and is a straight A student.

She enjoys playing basketball, softball, soccer and volleyball and enjoys dancing at powwows. Her parents are Sheldon and Jackie Reynolds, maternal grandparents are



Kayla Marcell Reynolds

Senior Miss Oklahoma Indian Nation powwow princess:

Jennifer Morton-Hatten is of the Arapaho, Cheyenne and Sioux tribes. Her parents are Corrine Morton and Orlando Hatten. Grandparents are the late Geraldine Tallbull Morton and Samuel Morton, Jr.; great grandparent is the late Mabel Medicinebird Tallbull Horn of Kingfisher, Okla. Morton-Hatten is 12 years old and attends Darlington School in El Reno where she is involved in various school activities.



Jennifer Morton-Hatten

Morton-Hatten plays soccer, basketball, is involved in dance and enjoys attending powwows where she competes in the northern fancy shawl category.

Her family would like to thank family and friends for their support during her campaign and looks forward to representing the OIN Powwow Committee throughout the summer months.

Gail Tsosie of Window Rock, Ariz. and the late Efford Tsosie. Paternal grandparents are the late Roger Reynolds and Janice Prairiechief of Clinton, Okla. Reynolds is Navajo (Dine) and Cheyenne (Tsistsista); her Dine clan is Tachinii (ta chee nee) which means Red Running Into Water and her Cheyenne name is Measuring Woman.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T soccer tournament

Submitted article

Bad weather played no role at the Cheyenne and Arapaho 6 and under soccer tournament held on May 16, 2009 in Concho, Okla.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes R.E.Sp.E.C.T program sponsored the tournament that was held in the softball fields for tribal youth 6 years of age and under.

Each team competed for first, second and third place trophies. More than 100 people attended.

The winners of the tournament were K-Town from Kingfisher, Okla. winning the first place trophy, The Clinton Kickers from Clinton, Okla. winning second place, and The El Reno Lady Bugs took home the third place trophy.

The R.E.Sp.E.C.T program is planning another soccer tournament for the summer season. The staff will determine the ages and guidelines.

For more information contact the R.E.Sp.E.C.T office at (405) 262-0345 ext.27570.



First place winners K-Town



Second place winners Clinton Kickers



Third place winners El Reno Lady bugs

Elder care update

Submitted article

The Elder Care Case worker will be in the Seiling Community Building on Wednesdays of the first and third weeks of each month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

The Elder Care Case worker will be in Watonga Multi-purpose Center on Mondays of the first and third weeks of each month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Non-income based guidelines

Elder Care does provide some specific services and benefits that **are not income-based.**

Elder Care provides labor for minor home repairs without income based guidelines. If the house was acquired through the Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority, the house must be paid off.

The house must be within reasonable daily driving distance of El Reno. The elder must provide all the materials and supplies before Elder Care begins repair. This is because we do not want to run out of materials or supplies and leave the elder in a vulnerable position. The house must be in the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal elder’s name and the elder must provide verification of this.

Internal Revenue Services

has stated that since there is an Indian Health Services facility available to the elders, and there are no income guidelines for Indian Health Service, Elder Care can provide eyeglasses, dentures and hearing aids without the income based guidelines. Elder Care will pay up to \$200 for eyeglasses every two years.

If the elder is diabetic, the elder must first go through the Diabetes Program. Elder Care will pay \$300 toward dentures every two years.

Elder Care will pay \$300 toward hearing aids per elder. If the elder requires two hearing aids, only \$300 will be paid for that elder.

poverty guidelines.

Income is based on **total** verified household income, both gross (before taxes) earned and unearned, on every household member.

Elders should now list all household members, including children. The more household members there are in an elder’s home, the more income they can have. Once an elder has been determined to be income eligible the following services will be available:

Elder Care assists with food vouchers in the amount of \$100 every 30 days.

Every 90 days, Elder Care can assist with rent with a rental

Elder Care assists with a gas card if an elder completes an application and provides an appointment slip.

The amount of the gas card is based on the miles traveled to the medical appointment. If two elders are traveling together, only one gas card will be authorized and issued. Applications submitted for bills of any type for less than \$25 will not be paid by Elder Care.

Other

Under no circumstances will Elder Care replace lost or stolen grocery vouchers/cards. It is the elder’s responsibility to keep the voucher/card secure. It is the same as money.

Income based guidelines

Elder Care is changing the gross income guidelines **effective May 1, 2009.** The adjustment of income will increase the availability of services to more of the elder population. Please see the chart below.

Monthly countable income must be equal to or less than the following income standards, which are 250 percent of federal

agreement attached. This must be a formal rental/lease agreement. A note from a landlord is not acceptable.

Every 90 days, Elder Care assists with the current month’s amount of utilities. Elder Care does not make pledges. The Elder or Elder’s family should contact the utility themselves to make payment arrangements for the past due amounts.

Elder Care does not pay recurring utility reconnect fees or utility late fees or the additional deposits required when a service is disconnected for non-pay.

Profane, abusive language and threats will not be tolerated. The tribes reserve the right to institute policies that disqualifies any applicant that violates this policy. Disqualification will last a period of three months.

Documenting Indian schools

Submitted article

The White Bison, Inc., is an American Indian non-profit organization based in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Through White Bison, it’s Founder and President Don Coyhis, Mohican Nation, has offered healing resources to Native America since 1988. White Bison offers sobriety, recovery, addictions prevention, and wellness/Wellbriety learning resources to the Native American community nation wide. Many non-Native American people also use White Bison’s healing resource products, attend its learning circles, and volunteer their services.

One of the purposes of White Buffalo is to “promote awareness, dialogue and forgiveness among Native American people for the historical trauma of the Indian boarding school era, which began in 1879 and continues through today.”

A documentary is being compiled as each Indian school is visited, which will be provided

to President Barack Obama.

Unfortunately, the Fort Sill Indian School cannot be visited due to old asbestos issues, but all Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache (KCA) tribal members are being invited to attend the gathering on June 3, 2009 at Anadarko’s Riverside Indian School. There will be guest speakers from across the nation representing a multitude of different tribes, and this is an opportune time for KCA tribal members to represent their nations.

The KCA tribal members were among the first (along with Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes) to be sent from Fort Marion prison to Carlisle Indian School. Carlisle was the first and the blue print for all the other Indian schools.

Other historical stops within Oklahoma will include the Concho Indian School, and the Sequoyah Indian School in Tahlequah, Okla. Anyone interested in supporting this journey can contact Charisse Redbone at (405) 247-5131 or Michelle Emerson at (580) 654-2260.

Indians ask appeals court for justice

(WASHINGTON, DC) May 11 -- A federal appeals court was told today that it should offer 500,000 Native Americans some form of “rough justice” as a result of the federal government’s acknowledged mismanagement of their trust accounts.

Attorney Dennis M. Gingold, who represents the Indians in a 13-year-old class action lawsuit, said justice for the Native American trust account beneficiaries cannot be complete because so many records of what happened to their trust lands and funds are missing.

That means some form of “rough justice” is required, Gingold said, adding that any resolution of the case must be fair.

“If not, we’ll all be here another 13 years,” Gingold told a three-judge panel for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Government lawyers said they want the case declared at an end and

the Indians given nothing at all. Alisa Klein, an appellate lawyer with the Justice Department’s Civil Division, argued that the Indians are due nothing.

Plaintiffs opposed an 11th-hour effort by the Osage Tribe to intervene in the case and take control of its members’ individual trust accounts. Plaintiffs have fully represented the interests of individual Osage tribal members from the outset of the litigation in 1996.

Individual Osage tribal

members are clearly part of the lawsuit, because their trust accounts were always classified as the property of individuals and not the tribe, Gingold told the court.

After the hour-long hearing, Lead Plaintiff Elousie Cobell, a member of the Blackfeet Nation from Browning, Mont., said that the government continued to mislead the appeals court about how the trust accounts have been managed.

The accounts have never been audited, she noted, pointing out that the lower court had held an accounting remains “impossible.”

“I am very optimistic,” she told reporters. “The court asked very good questions.”

As for the idea of “rough justice,” she said: “We all understand what’s going to happen.” She said any sum that is finally approved by the court will be distributed after additional hearings and under court supervision.

The three-judge panel gave no indication when it would rule.

The Indian Trust was established by Congress in 1887. It included millions of acres of valuable lands in the West owned by individual Indians, whom lawmakers believed could not manage those lands. That job was given to the Interior Department, which has repeatedly acknowledged in the lawsuit that it mismanaged the trust accounts.

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ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENTS

Submitted article

The Calumet grocery store was purchased in June 2008 locally from the previous owner by the Economic Development department.

The department saw the potential for the tribes to have an enterprise to generate revenue and to serve the people and community by providing a tribally owned grocery store to meet their family needs. The Calumet store is the first for the tribes and will serve the community with a complete full line of grocery items and light household items.

The store will stock such items as frozen, dairy, bakery, fresh produce and fresh meats, including special cut meats for the traditional needs of the community. Others items will include the regular come in pick up items, like soda pop, chips, candy and cigarettes.

At a later date, the grocery management will open the back area for a restaurant to meet early morning breakfast needs

Calumet grocery store



and at lunch for the work crowd and the evening hours for the hungry traveler's dinner needs.

The Economic Development department is looking forward to opening up the grocery store to the public on June 12, 2009. A list of scheduled events are anticipated for the entire day with door prizes, food, drinks and other goodies to celebrate the tribes first grocery store. A formal opening is scheduled for the July 4 weekend, again with fun, food and prizes for the whole family. This grand opening event will be co-sponsored with the Lucky Star Casinos to celebrate the Fourth of July with a blast!

Tribal member Lori Penner will serve as the tribe's store manager. She reigns from Thomas and is currently from Chickasha. She has had an exciting time making arrangements for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe's first enterprise such

as the grocery store.

Business Development Officer Linda Big Soldier has been employed by the tribes since November and has been laying the groundwork for the store since late December. She has authored the business plan and since been busy with making sure all licenses, registrations and other applicable documents are in place for the store to open its doors.

The Calumet grocery store will open its doors under the tribes LLC, Cheyenne-Arapaho Retail Group and will use the business name of Calumet Grocery. The store will initially be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and for now will be closed on Sundays. The store will cater to the WIC needs of the community, elder needs under the Elder Care Program and will accept food stamps. Visa and Master cards are also welcome. Come and shop at the store for a full line of grocery products.

Thanks from Culture, Heritage

Charlie,

The Culture and Heritage program very much appreciates the EDEV construction crew for all of their hard work and collaborative partnership to get things done. I commend you and your crew for assisting the Culture and Heritage program in accomplishing this task. Currently our nation is in difficult economic times, but through prayer and traditions we shall always be a strong nation, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

Ne' a ese," Ha-Ho!, Ah-ho!

Gordon Yellowman, coordinator, Culture and Heritage program, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes

From the Director –

Submitted article

On the week of May 15, 2009 economic development was directed by the governor's office to give Red Moon powwow grounds in Hammon, Okla. a new facelift.

Economic development sent ten construction employees on May 19, 2009 to complete electrical work, painting, mowing and carpentry work. This task took three days and at this time I would like to thank the economic development construction crew for their efforts and commend them for a job well done. We hope the Red Moon powwow was a success.

Charles James Williams

Geary Community Nursing Home

Resident of the month

Submitted article

Our resident of the month is Milton Morton, Jr. He was born April 14,1959 in Clinton, Okla. and came to us on Feb. 23, 2009. He has six living siblings.

Morton worked as a welder and is a veteran. He speaks English and Cheyenne. Some of the things he enjoys are games, especially bingo and winning, arts, music, computer, being outdoors, watching TV, listening to the radio, and movies.

He also enjoys talking and visiting with people and going on community outings.

His favorite time of the year is spring because of the nice weather. He would like to be able to paint.



Milton Morton, Jr.

New resident

Submitted article

We welcome a new resident Nancy Paulk.

Paulk was born Jan. 18, 1937 in Calumet, Okla. She has four living siblings. Her mother Velma Paulk still lives in Calumet at the age of 97. Her parents were farmers.

Paulk graduated from Calumet High School and never married. She worked as a dental assistant in Geary for four years and then she worked for Medical Arts Lab and retired after 23 years. After retiring she moved back to Calumet to live and care for her mother for four years before coming to our home.

She and a girlfriend travel all over the country, she said they visited some many different countries, she can't remember them all. Paulk loves to talk and visit and is a joy to be around.



Nancy Paulk

Nursing Home Week celebrated

May 10 – 16, 2009 was Nursing Home Week. Everyone had fun taking part in hat day, as well as other activities, and ended the week with a cook out. Refreshments were served daily.

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Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma Head Start Program



The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Head Start program Concho Center is now accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year.

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Eligibility Requirements:

Children 3-5 years old-must be 3 years old by Sept.1, and turn 5 years old after Sept. 1. To process application the following must be attached:

- a) Copy of Child's Birth Certificate.
- b) Copy of Child's Immunization Record.
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Certified staff, age appropriate curriculum, certified CDL bus drivers, nutritious meals-breakfast and lunch, cultural activities and field trips.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Head Start program follows federal guidelines and local Department of Human Services requirements. The head start program does not discriminate against race, color, sex, national origin or disabilities.

For an enrollment packet or more information please call Leanna Balbuena, center supervisor, or Rachel Morales, family services coordinator, at (405) 422-7647 or (405) 422-7645.

veterans

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that thousands of others are doing right now to maintain our freedom."

Closing the dedication, Lumpmouth and Flyingman placed a large round wreath covered in red and white carnations at the memorial wall while the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Color Guard picked up their rifles and began firing off ammunition rounds as their final display of honor to the veterans.

As the guns fired, taps was being played by Mock Tall Bear in the background.



Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Marvin Wilson and Mock Tall Bear place flags on veteran's burial sites at the Concho Cemetery on May 15, 2009.



Courtesy photos

World War II veterans
Mole Lake, Wis. Strawberry Moon. June 2006
Mr. Ritter, 98 years old. , Doty Lumpmouth Jr., 86 years old, Quinton Shawno Kasic-Menominee, 88 years old.



Running up the flags in a new flag field dedication in Medford, Wis. Two bald eagles made a circle above the flags field. We called it a fly bye. All the warriors saluted.
Doty Lumpmouth, Jr.



Robert Prairiechief, August 1984 postcard

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Belated Birthday
Bruce Whiteman, Jr.
From all your family



Happy Birthday Auntie
June 30
Best Wishes
Love you always
Cheryl Wynne



Happy 2nd Birthday
Lil Sammy
June 12
From All your Family &
Friends!!
Your growing up so fast!!
Much Love!! Lots of kisses and
hugs on your special day!



Happy 4th Birthday
Novi Tyee....
Love Mom, sister Avril, sister
Abbigayle,
and the whole Curtis Family



Happy birthday to my sisters,
I Love You So Much! Marion
Morales May 31 and Walonda
Monroe August 10. Love your
sister Pam, your mother Ruth
and the rest of the family!
You are together again.

Happy Birthday Bubba at the
Grand Teton Wyoming
From your White Buffalo and
Faltcher families in El Reno,
Okla.

Happy Birthday
June 23rd
Cecil Black
Uncle Brown to everybody
Love your Black family and
all your
Grand kids

Happy Belated Birthday
Sambo Black-May 10
From the WhiteBuffalo &
Fletcher
Families in El Reno, Okla.



Congrats to my daughter
Carmen Sankey, sixth grade
graduate, Williard Elementary
in Ada, Okla.



Happy Birthday
Daniel George
June 10 - 5 yrs. old
All your friends at Clinton
Head Start



Happy Birthday
Marley Jade - June 3
Jacob Dewey - June 23
Jonah Basil - June 9
Best Wishes on
Your Birthdays
We Love you always and
forever, Grandma Gail, Cheryl,
& Gabriel



Happy Birthday
McKenna Lime
6 years old-June 12
We love you very much
Mom, Dad, brothers
and sisters
Keep up the good work We're
so proud of you!



Happy Birthday Sabrina!!!
Have a great and wonderful
birthday!! We love you!!!From
grandma, grandpa, dad, brother,
aunts, uncles,
and cousins



Happy Birthday Ms. Sharon
Carla New Breast
June 16
You remember those good ole'
pig tail days?
I love you sister!
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Happy 6th Birthday Marcus.
We love you
Mommy, Daddy, Cella and
your whole family.
You make us so proud
everyday.



Happy Fathers Day, We love
you so much and appreciate all
the hard work and things you
do for us. We are blessed to
have you in our lives.
Love Baby Ill, Jacob, Jonah,
Marley and your wife.



Happy Birthday
Elijah Guzman
June 15 - 7 yrs. old
All your friends at Clinton
Head Start



Happy Belated Birthday
Baby Girl-Jasmine Dawn
WhiteBuffalo
May 1, 1997
12 years old already
I am so proud of you!
We all love you
From us in El Reno, Okla.



Happy Birthday Fritz
May 31
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Happy Birthday Silvia!!! Enjoy
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you!!
From mom, dad, brothers,
sisters, nieces,
and nephews



Happy Birthday Terrie
June 27
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White Buffalos & Fletchers

Happy Belated Birthday
James Michael Meadows
III, From your family Dad,
Stepmom Jessica, McKenzy,
Sylvia, Cayden, Chazton,
Jade, and Zech. We all love
you and are proud of the
improvements you have made
and how far you have come
in life. Keep making the right
choices and always remember
what is right and what is
wrong. You are a wonderful
person who has a huge heart
and enjoys being happy. You
are so strong willed and takes
things easily when times are
rough. You are smart and you
make things seem so simple
when things get complicated.
We love you dearly.



Congratulations to our niece
Leshiala Reynolds, student
at Manzano School in
Albuquerque, N.M. for being
nominated for the National
Society of High School
Scholars. Also selected for the
National Youth Leadership
forum on medicine. We
are very proud of your
accomplishments.
Love your aunts, uncles and
cousins in Oklahoma



Happy Birthday
McKenna Lime
June 12 - 6 yrs. old
All your friends at Clinton
Head Start



Happy Birthday
"Judy Judy" aka
Jodi White Buffalo
June 13
From all you family



Wishing our Mom a Happy
Birthday. You are always in our
hearts always.
You are loved and missed so
very much!



Happy Birthday
Nick Noggles
June 8
From your White Buffalo and
Fletcher Family



Happy Belated Birthday
Henrietta Mann-May 22
Love your family



Happy Belated Birthday
Smokey-May 13th
From all your White Buffalo &
Fletcher Family



Happy Belated 19th Birthday
Todd Sankey from Dad, Mom,
Courtney and Carmen



Lindsey WhiteShirt
congratulations from
graduating the 8th at
Binger-Oney. Lindsey is
the daughter of Johnny
and Luann WhiteShirt of
Binger. We Are Proud of
you and love you.
Mom and Dad



Happy 2nd Birthday
Danika Dean Bullcoming
May 27, 2008
Our little queen, we love you
so much
Grandpa, Grandma, mom, sister
Dezlynn, Auntie Tiff, Auntie
T.J., Dru, Roger, Kayah &
Kellyn-Dre.



Happy Belated Birthday Kyle
Lime-10 years old
May 6
We love you very much
Mom, Dad, brothers and sisters
Keep up the good work! We're
so proud of you!



Happy 6th Birthday Paige
Primeaux and congratulations
on your Kindergarten
graduation.
You are a blessing to each of us
and we love you!
From Mom, Hawk, Chandler,
Logan, Dad, Grandma Freda
and Grandpa Charlie



Maheo blessed me when he
sent you to this life. Together
we struggled, laughed, cried- we
made it, thanks to your grandma
Ardena and to your mom De-
nise. I have a wonderful beau-
tiful daughter. You have made
many accomplishments and I
am proud of you. Have a very
Happy Birthday. I love you very
much. *Dad*

I want to wish you a happy
birthday. You have been my girl
since you were two years old and
I have enjoyed our times togeth-
er as mother/daughter; just like
with my own daughters we have
our ups and downs yet in the
end we never stop loving each
other. Just wanted to let you
know that I am proud to be your
mom, it's been a pleasure. Keep
up the good work you do each
and everyday. *Mom*

We have all been sisters for
ever now and we want to wish
you a happy birthday. Enjoy
your day and everyday. We love
you. Taya, Leina, and Shay.



Ryan Baylen
Way to go on your
Kindergarten Graduation!
We are so proud of you!!
Love your Mom and Dad and
your Bubba's!!



Happy Birthday
Erika Whiteshield and
congratulations on your
graduation from high school.
We love you, your family



Alex Leonard
Yellow Eagle
Happy 3rd Birthday
Love mom and dad, John
Gerald, Paris, brother John-
John, baby sissy Bindi,
grandmas and grandpas, uncles,
aunts, and cousins.
We love you and
God Bless You.



Cayden Damrin Brown born on
June 7, 1999 and weighed 9 lbs 10
ozs. He was a miracle child given to
me by God.

Cayden had hydronephrosis of
the kidneys at four weeks old, it
was corrected with a four-hour sur-
gery that took my breath away. He
had endured so much pain and he is
a fighter at heart with a huge heart
for giving and sharing his laughter
with others.

Cayden is such a joy to have in
our lives he makes me so happy and
he is a determined child that loves
challenges that life throws at him.

He attends Native American
Church ceremonies, sweat lodges,
and loves to dance at powwows.
Cayden is a state champion wrestler
for El Reno youth wrestling for four
years and has many medals from
tournaments. He scored in the top
3 percent of the entire school in the
talented and gifted classes. Cayden
is on the honor roll and a top stu-
dent. He embraces being Native
American to everyone he knows.
We love you dearly and are very
proud of your achievements. We
adore seeing your beautiful face
every day!
Love your dad, Mike Meadows,
mom, Jessica Meadows, brothers
and sisters, James "Mikey"
Meadows, McKenzy Brown,
Jonathan "Chazton" Meadows,
Jade Mia Meadows, and Jacob
Zechariah Meadows.

Jada Wolf Tongue



Our family just grew by two
feet!

Jada Renee Wolf Tongue
was born at Yukon, Okla. on
April 24, 2009 at 7:25 p.m. She
weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz. and was
20-1/2 inches long.

Her proud mommy is Lee
Wolf Tongue.

Those present to welcome
Jada were Aunties Chelsey and
Hillary and her mema Sheri.

Welcoming Jada home were
her Auntie Alana, Uncles Tim,
Jeremy and Jimmy. Cousins
Tye, Dustin, Lakota, Skylar and
Jada's proud papa Alan.

Jada's great-grandmother is
the late Maud Wolf Tongue.

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A meeting will be held
June 24, 2009 at Watonga
for the Watonga/Canton/
Longdale Communities.

He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in American Indian Studies at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz. The official Web site for the documentary is: www.chief-sprophecy.com

Congratulations from your
mom and Frank.

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Country rock explodes at Lucky Star casino

By Rosemary Stephens, Reporter/Graphic Artist

Whether country fans or rock fans, thousands jam the gates at Lucky Star casino’s outdoor stage for a chance to see Gretchen Wilson and Cowboy Troy.

The casino kicked off their 15-year anniversary celebration on Friday, May 22, 2009 with performances by rock/country singer Troy Coleman (better known as Cowboy Troy) and country music star Gretchen Wilson.

“Like all anniversaries we like to recognize the hard work and dedication of those who have made the casino a successful enterprise ... and we also want to show our appreciation to our guests who have come to our facility for years,” Kris Little Raven, Lucky Star Casino general manager, said.

Preparations for the concert began with Toucan Productions based out of Oklahoma City erecting an outdoor stage, light show and sound system in the parking area located behind Lucky Star.

“It took about eight hours to get all of this set up and right after the show ends we will dismantle and be out of here about 4 a.m.,” Scott Johnson, lighting designer, said.

“Toucan Productions are pretty much global, we set up shows all over the world.”

Memorabilia t-shirts stuffed with prizes inside were randomly given out to the fans. Some of the prizes were a personal meet and greet with Gretchen Wilson

and free play coupons inside the casino.

“I’m so excited to meet her (Wilson) ... I am a huge fan and I can’t believe it,” Gina Roman screamed after opening her t-shirt and finding an invitation to meet Wilson.

The anniversary celebration continued throughout the weekend with a charity golf scramble at Crimson Creek Golf Course in El Reno, Okla. Performances were given by Old Indian Trick (O.I.T.) and dance troupe the Ha’Stylez. Giveaways included a 2010 Chevrolet Camaro and two waverunners.

“I’d like to give special thanks to our Events Coordinator Kristy Solansky, Marketing Director Jayson Braveheart, Assistant General Manager Chris Derenzo, CEO Reva Wassana and the entire Lucky Star Casino staff who helped make this event a success and for making our casino a fun place to work,” Little Raven said, “I also would like to thank the governor’s office for their support and all the tribe’s departments that volunteered their time or had booths at our events.”

Future concerts are planned at both Lucky Star Casinos in Clinton and Concho. For more information contact Braveheart at (580) 323-6599 or Solansky at (405) 262-7612.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens



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\$35,000 in Diamonds were given away on Mother's Day, and the Waverunners were given away on Memorial Day. Don't miss your chance to win the final prize this Father's Day!

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